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DISCUSS SABLE ISLAND

REF: CALGARY'S A-31

1. PREMIER GERALD REGAN AND A.R. NIELSEN, CALGARY ,
PRESIDENT OF MOBIL OIL CANADA ARE EXPECTED TO MEET
ON APRIL 14 TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS

RSERVES OFF NOVA SCOTIA'S SABLE ISLAND. LAST WEEK
THE PREMIER HAD TOLD THE LEGISLATURE THE PROVINCE WAS
EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF NATURAL GAS BEING PIPED
FROM SABLE ISLAND TO MAINLAND FOR GENERATION OF
ELECTRICITY, SAYING HE WOULD HOLD MEETING WITH MOBIL
AND TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION TO DISCUSS THIS CONCEPT.

2. MR. NIELSEN IN CAUTIOUS VEIN SAID FORTHCOMING
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MEETING NOT DESIGNED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL ANY SPECIFIC

PROPOSALS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A PIPELINE.
HE SAID THAT HE HAD HELD MEETINGS WITH PREMIER OVER
A PERIOD OF YEARS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. HE SAID HE WISHED
TO MAKE CLEAR ANY STUDIES PREPARED ON FEASIBILITY OF
A GAS PIPELINES OR ANY OTHER PROSPECTS FOR THE SABLE
AREA WERE STRICTLY INVESTIGATIVE.

.3. MR. NIELSEN ALSO SAID MOBIL HOPED TO BE ABLE TO

GENERATE FURTHER DRILLING OPERATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE
AREA
OFF SABLE ISLAND DURING THE NEXT YEAR. ONE OF
FOUR WELLS BEING DRILLED BY PETRO-CANADA WAS IN
CONJUNCTION WITH MOBIL. MANBEY

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